Congressman John Krebs:

I am writing you to thank you for/sp once again for sponsoring a bill to make Mineral King pat of Sequoia National Park. I feel the Forest Service has mismanaged the area in the past and its plans for the future are reprehensible.

I am also writing to ask your aid in intervening with the Forest Service in its retaliation against a 73 year old widow who has worked very hard to save Mineral King.

As you know, the Sierra Club brought suit in 1969 to stop the plans for the Forest Service to have Mneral King developed into a huge ski resort. The case has never been decided, partly because of the slowness of the Forest Service in preparing an Environmental Im act Statement, which it had not done before approving the development plan. However, now the case should be heard soon. The EIS was completed last winter. In themeantime, the Forest Service has retaliated against those who ooposed the develoment. It has restricged and limited parking in the valley to the p int where many people are forced to pa park eside the road and are given tickets. It has eliminated mana camp sites, although there is room for more and cemand for more. And now, the Supervisor of Sequoia National Forest has decided that Mrs. Barboni, one of the most active people in trying to save Mineral King must remove her cabin by next spring to make room for an enlarged parking lot. Her cabin is on land leased from the Forest Service. Mrs. B is in her mid 70's, is a widow and has high blood pressure. Her family bu lt the cabin in 1905 and it is actually one of the historic buildings in the valley. Her cabin is beside a present parking lot and whenever anyone parks there, she goes out and passesout literature about Mineral King and the Forest Service plan. She has generated a great deal of opposition to the Forest Service palsn and has collected hundreds of names on petitions, which she has turned over to the Sierra Club. The Forest Service has enlarged the parking lot to the very border of her lot. Then the local ranger was ordered by his supervisor to remove the 2 garbage cans from the parking lot because cabin owners might be using them, and Mrs. B. ended up having garbage left in front of her cabin by campers. She also regularly cleans up litter from the parking lot and is always available to answer the questions of newcomers to the area, warm bottles for babies and provide bathrom facilities. Manh of us feel the latest tactics by the Forest Service are purely retaliatory, since it will only gain space for about 20 additional cars and several other sites in the valley are better suited to public parking than her caibn site. We feel tht the fate of Mineral King is in limbo at the present time, since either the congressional bills or the court case can, and almost certa lu will change its status. We feel no decisions regarding demolition of structures should be made y the Forst Service at this time. Mrs. Barboni' only hope is for intervention by a congressman or senator, as the Forest Servicehas made its decision final. Since mere inquirey on your part will not change this unfair decision by the Forest Service, we would be most appreciative if you would intevene on her behalf.

Sincerely,

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YOU CAN HELP SAVE MINERAL KING

Write:

The Honorable... (your congressman) House Office Building Washington, D.C. 20515	Urge him to sponsor legislation to include Mineral King in Sequoia National Park. Send him copies of all your correspondance on Mineral King. Urge him to investigate Forest Service management policies at M.K.
The Honorable Alan Cranston The Honorable John Tunney Wenate Office Building Washington, D.C. 20510	Request that they introduce legislation to include Mineral King within the boundaries of the Park. Urge them to investigate Forest Service management policies at Mineral King.
Secretary Rogers Morton Department of Interior Washington, D.C. 20250	Remind him of the purpose of National Parks and the need to protect them from access routes for non-park purposes. Ask him to support efforts to include Mineral King in Sequoia Natinnal Park.
Secretary Earl Butz Department of Agriculture Washington, D.C. 20250	Outline the major objections to the proposed development and to the handling of the matter by the Forest Service. Request that Forest Service procedures be revised to include mandatory public hearings on all major development plans.
Mr. E. Cardon Walker Walt Disney Productions 500 S. Buena Vista Burbank, Ca. 91503	Object to their plan to over-crowd and over-commercialize a beautiful natural area. Stress that such high density developments do not belong on public land with irreplaceable natural values.
Mr. John Leasure, Supervisor Sequoia National Forest 900 W. Grand Ave. Porterville, Ca. 93257	Object to the drastic reductions of campsites at Mineral King. Urge him to authorize construction of additional sanitary facilities and campsites in the south end of the valley. There is ample space.
Mr. Douglas Leisz, Regional Forester United States Forest Service 630 Sansome St. San Francisco, Ca. 94111	Object to the limitation of camping and parking at Mineral King. Urge him to authorize construction of developed camps to replace former temporary camps and additional sanitary facilities. Request your
President Gerald Ford White House Washington, D.C.	Explain your objections to the project and request his intervention to save Mineral King.

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